



About the Trust

Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (PKHT) was established in 1988, with the aim of conserving, enhancing and promoting the archaeological and architectural heritage of the Perth and Kinross area. The Trust is a partnership of the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council and Perth Civic Trust, and is funded by the Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council with this support supplemented by grant aid from other sources for specific projects. The objectives of the Trust are achieved through the combination of projects, the administration of grants, and the provision of information and advice.

PKHT is a company registered under the Companies Acts and is limited by guarantee (*Company Reg. No. 111258*), and a Scottish Charity in terms of the relevant legislation (*Scottish Charity No. SC003139*). **This annual report covers the period from April 2012 to the end of March 2013. For further information, please visit www.pkht.org.uk**



Perth Civic Trust



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Front cover: The Trust's archaeological excavations at Lair, Glenshee, carried out in partnership with Northlight Heritage as part of Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month 2012 (© George Logan/Cairngorms National Park).

Back cover: A Trust 'word cloud' for the annual report year.

The **Trustees** consists of the following representatives nominated by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC), the Gannochy Trust (GT) and Perth Civic Trust (PCT):

Cllr. Jack Coburn (PKC) (*until June 2012*)

Cllr. Ann Cowan (PKC) (*until June 2012*)

Cllr. Anne Younger (PKC) (*as of June 2012*)

Cllr. Dave Cuthbert (PKC) (*as of June 2012*)

Dr. Russell A. Leather (GT)

Mr. Mark Webster (GT)

Rev. Fergus Harris (PCT)

Mrs Sue Hendry (PCT) *Chairman*

Trust staff for the period:

Manager/Archaeologist: David Strachan

Architect: Andrew Driver

Heritage Officer: Sarah Malone

Historic Churchyards Officer: Fiona Fisher (*until February 2013*)

City Heritage & Outreach Officer:
Sophie Nicol (*as of July 2012*)

Tay Landscape Partnership Development Officer:
Johanna Babbs

Tay Landscape Partnership Assistant Development Officer: Catriona Davies

Supporting staff for the period:

Secretary: G. Taylor (PKC)

Treasurer: S. Rattray (PKC)

Depute Secretary: P. Frazer (PKC)

Depute Treasurer: J. Moy (PKC)

Technical Adviser:

J. McCrone (PKC: The Environment Service)



The auditors are Johnston Carmichael, Perth.

Chairman's Report

Once again I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report – especially in this special year when we celebrate our 25th year as an organisation. We were incorporated on 26th May 1988 when I was starting to take a very active role in Perth Civic Trust having just become its Secretary. I don't think many of us

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25
years

envisaged then all that would be achieved in the following 25 years and how the Trust would develop into the very successful organisation it now is. As part of our celebrations we have included a special supplement with this Report charting some of the many projects and schemes the Trust has had involvement with over the years.

One of the significant roles of the Trust since its inception has been the provision of Historic Buildings Grants and it was particularly pleasing that one of the first benefits of our restored city status was funding from Historic Scotland for the **Perth City Heritage Fund**. This will be used to help owners in the conservation areas of Perth and Kinnoull to invest in the repair and conservation of historic buildings in our city centre.

Our two-year **Historic Churchyards** project came to a successful conclusion earlier this year and we thank Fiona Fisher for all she did to develop this project. A new project has started in **Glenshee** – an archaeological one involving the excavation of the Pictish longhouse. We envisage this being developed over several years in a similar way to the Black Spout excavations near Pitlochry.

The **Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme** had a very busy year putting together the bid for further funding from HLF to develop the many projects that have been suggested by various local groups and organisations. Twenty-eight projects have been put forward and, if successful with our bid, the scheme will be a hub for all sorts of information about the history, wildlife and people of the area and show residents and visitors where they can go and what they can see.



Following the local council elections we said goodbye to two of our Trustees – Councillors Jack Coburn and Ann Cowan. Both of them had been good supporters of PKHT during their time as Trustees and we thank them for this. We were pleased to welcome in their place Councillors Ann Younger and Dave Cuthbert and hope they will enjoy their time as Trustees. We have also been pleased to welcome a new member of staff – Sophie Nicol – who is our City Heritage and Outreach Officer.

Once again I could not possibly end my contribution to this report without thanking our Manager, David Strachan, and all the staff for their enthusiasm and hard work on all the projects we tackle.

Sue Hendry
Chairman



The washhouse and well at Scotlandwell.



The Saracen Foundry drinking-fountain at Pitlochry station.

Despite the challenging funding climate for targeted **Historic Building Grants**, the Trust has continued to support such work including common roof repairs at the corner of Kirkgate and the High Street, and a traditional shop-front in Scott Street, Perth. Work to the clock faces at Muthill Parish Church, roofing works at Kirkmichael Kirk and replacement windows for the Royal British Legion club rooms in Crieff have also been assisted. In addition, a cast iron drinking fountain at Pitlochry Railway Station, refurbished by the Pitlochry in Bloom Committee, has been supported. Grant assistance was provided to the community-led refurbishment at the Washhouse, Scotlandwell, which has had its chimneys reinstated.

The **Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative**, in which the Trust collaborated and provided funding for, has effectively been completed, however the grant period for the Royal Hotel has been extended to accommodate a change of ownership. Repairs to nine properties were ongoing during the year through the **Blair Atholl Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme** and repairs to the mill lade have also been supported, with associated public realm improvements still planned.



The Royal Hotel and the Cross, Coupar Angus.

In February 2012 Historic Scotland offered £7.69m in City Heritage grants over three years to the existing City Heritage Trusts within Scotland's six cities. These grants are provided to support the

Scottish Government's regeneration policies, and to safeguard and enhance conservation areas, the historic environment and a sense of place. With the welcome news that city-status had been reaffirmed for Perth, Historic Scotland confirmed in July 2012 an offer of £650,000 for the period up to 31 March 2015 for the creation of the **Perth City Heritage Fund**. The objective of this support is to build capacity, and maximise the City's ability to contribute to, and benefit from, sustainable economic growth. Resilient and adaptable communities are envisaged which have a quality of life, environment and connectivity that allows individuals and businesses to create and capitalise on opportunities. The grant is also about enhancing the quality of areas and, in view of the foregoing, has an overall priority of bringing disused buildings back into economic use and bringing dilapidated buildings back up to an acceptable standard again working with the Council and private sector to maximise funding particularly in relation to housing use.

The fund aims to safeguard and enhance the historic environment of Perth, while contributing to job creation and sustaining economic recovery. Announcing the grant the Cabinet Secretary said: 'This award marks the culmination of a successful partnership between Historic Scotland and Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust'. Eligibility guidelines and application forms have been agreed through an established steering group and the scheme has been widely promoted. Grants of up to 75% of the eligible costs are available for appropriate traditional repairs within the two central Perth conservation areas, and during the period covered two grants payments had been made to completed schemes: one for window improvements and the other for roof and gutter repairs, while some thirty expressions of interest had been received. Significantly a long-term building at risk, John Buchan's birthplace in York Place, looks set to be supported and, working closely with Perth Council's Vacant Property Development Officer plans are being laid to carry out external fabric common repairs to the oldest inhabited building in Perth, the Cunningham-Graham close at the bottom of the High Street.



The Cunningham Graham close, 17-19 High Street, Perth.

Projects

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, The Gannochy Trust and Perth and Kinross Council, the two-year **Historic Churchyards Project**, begun in 2011, has seen significant works carried out at historic churchyards in the Carse of Gowrie and Strathmore, including the conservation of buildings, gravestones and boundary walls, improved grass management and promotion of this rich heritage resource through education and outreach initiatives.

A programme of major restoration work was been completed at Collace Mort House, near Kinrossie, where in addition disabled ramp access ramp the Church was provided, gravestones stabilised, and a rare medieval cross-head has been safe-guarded. At Coupar Angus, on the site of the former Abbey, works were carried out to stabilise the mausoleum and watch-house and provide improved access to the sole upstanding remnant of the Abbey, the gateway. At Meigle, a new path through the graveyard to the Historic Scotland Pictish Stone museum has allowed level access for the first time.



Lime masonry training at Westown church.

Innovative working at Kinnoull provided conservation work experience for and Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) Community Payback clients, while at Westown, practical training in traditional lime masonry was provided to the Youth Justice's un-paid work team.



The formal opening of the refurbished Collace Morthouse.

Projects

The educational and community value of the historic churchyards has been promoted through a Body Snatching leaflet and series of churchyard history leaflets, complemented six information signs at the locations where major works were carried out. In addition, an exhibition "Gone, but not forgotten" was displayed the AK Bell Library, Blairgowrie Community Library and Alyth Museum, and conference "Living churchyards: integrated conservation" was held at the AK Bell Library in September 2012.



Interpretation at Meigle.



David Bowler leads the conference field trip.

Projects

As a key event in our annual Archaeology Month, the Trust has directed the pilot year of an exciting new archaeological project investigating the rich upland archaeology in north-east Perthshire. Delivered in partnership with Northlight Heritage, the **Glenshee Archaeology project** employed 'citizen science', engaging with local volunteers and students to survey and excavate an early medieval turf-built long-house. Known as Pitcarmick-type buildings, after the estate in Strathardle on which they were first recognised, the turf longhouses are important because of their early date, the only comparable structures from Scotland being the Viking longhouses of the northern Isles. They have been little studied since their discovery in the 1980s, and being peculiar to Perthshire, it is apt that the Trust is to further our understanding of these enigmatic sites through research. The excavations in 2012 uncovered a remarkably well-preserved buried turf wall of the building, which contained several items of metalwork, including knives and buckles, as well as a flint arrowhead of prehistoric date, which may well have come from one of the nearby round houses. Further it is envisaged that a two-year project will develop as a result of this initial work, with a view to promoting the rich heritage assets of the area to visitors and residents alike. Results of the project are published on the website www.glenshee-archaeology.co.uk

Working in partnership with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust, and supported with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the Gannochy Trust, Perth and Kinross Council, and a number of other local organisations, the Trust has over the year developed a major funding bid for **The Tay Landscape Partnership (TLP)**. The proposed programme of work, focussing on the inner Tay estuary, will bring together local, regional and national organisations to celebrate the unique character of natural and historic

environments of the upper Tay estuary and lower Strathearn.

Two programme development officers worked over the year with staff from the Trust, the TLP Steering Group, and a number of working groups to consult with the local community and partners and submitting a full application. A portfolio of planned projects will provide long-term social, economic and environmental benefits and will feature:

- Conservation of the built and natural heritage.
- Projects to encourage more people to take an active part in their landscape.
- Projects to increasing opportunities for people to have access to, and learn about, the landscape and its heritage.
- Training opportunities for people in local heritage skills.

The Trust is set to lead a number of projects including community archaeological excavations at Iron Age hill-forts around the estuary, the story of Forteviot as 'the Cradle of Scotland'; and a celebration of the vernacular clay buildings of the Carse of Gowrie.



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Volunteers excavating the early medieval turf long-house at Lair, Glenshee
(© George Logan/Cairngorms National Park).



Schoolchildren from Kirkmichael Primary become an archaeologist for the day at the Glenshee dig site
(© George Logan/Cairngorms National Park).

Projects



Excavations are planned for the twin forts on Moncreiffe hill near Perth.



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Further conservation work is also planned at Kinfauns old parish church through the TLP.

Architectural services were provided to Perth and Kinross Council's property department to facilitate repairs to the Old Parish Church gates, War Memorial and Dogshead Well in Muthill, and at a pair of Arches at the Ford Road cemetery in Crieff, and, for a private owner, to replace the door of the Graeme Mausoleum in Aberuthven.

On behalf of Perth and Kinross Council and in association with Crieff Community Trust, architectural services were provided to the **Crieff Façade Scheme** to improve historic shop-fronts, including three linked shops on the narrowest part of the High Street. The Trust was delighted to support the month long display in the former Crieff Library of a well-attended exhibition on High Streets put together by the Lighthouse in Glasgow.

The Trust continues to provide a **planning archaeology service** to Perth and Kinross Council's Environment Service ensuring that planning permissions assess archaeological concerns in line with national planning policy. Over the year this has involved the detailed checking of 150 planning applications and the recommendation of 72 archaeological conditions. A number of exciting archaeological discoveries, resulting from archaeological planning consultation, were made

over the year. Several archaeological sites were excavated at the site of **Calliachar Wind Farm** prior to construction work beginning, including a possible burial cairn, several sheiling huts and an enigmatic feature interpreted as a possible prehistoric sunken building. Pre-application evaluation revealed the remains of a Bronze Age cemetery at **Broich Road, Crieff**, which when excavated was found to consist of several pits containing cremated bone, three urn burials and five barbed arrow heads, which were discovered in



The Graeme Mausoleum, Aberuthven.



Ford Road cemetery arches, Crieff.

one of the burial urns. Further two phases of archaeological evaluation at **Kilmagadwood** revealed the remains of a Bronze Age cemetery, consisting of two complete burial urns and six damaged burial urns, which will require full excavation prior to development. Archaeological works associated with the construction the **Beaully Denny Line** have included partial excavation of an enigmatic site in Glen Quiach, where a number of pieces of sandstone weathered to roughly resemblance to human figures were discovered. The 'figures' have close parallels with the site of Taigh-nam-Bodach in Glen Lyon. In addition, work has been carried out on sections of Wade's military road and a group of shieling huts. Archaeological monitoring of the redevelopment of **32-34 George Street/Skinnergate**, Perth revealed further archaeological deposits dating to the medieval burgh. In addition, **Standing Building Recording** has been carried out at a number of historic buildings prior to their demolition, including Fechny Industrial School for Girls in Perth, and at Glengoulandie prior to the conversion of a sawmill which had been little altered since the 18th century. Finally, the Trust continues to provide archaeological and architectural advice to **Scotland Rural Development Programme** applicants, part-funded through grant-aid by Historic Scotland. Over the year 41 requests for archaeological information and advice have been acted upon and comments made on several Forest Plans.



An enigmatic stone structure at Wester Kinloch, Glen Quaich uncovered during work on the Beaully to Denny Overhead Transmission Line (image courtesy of Northlight Heritage & SSE).



One of the Bronze Age burial urns from the cemetery at Kilmagadwood, Kinross (© Derek Hall).



Archaeological works in advance of Calliachar windfarm, Aberfeldy.



Urban archaeology in the Skinnergate, Perth (courtesy of Alder Archaeology).



Contemplating landscape archaeology during the guided walk around Pitcarmick estate, Strathardle during Archaeology Month.



Archaeology Month: exploring the clay buildings of the Carse of Gowrie with Trust architect, Andrew Driver.

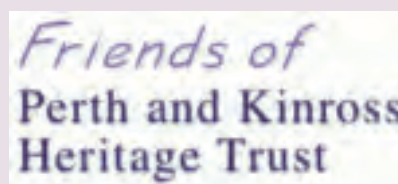
Exploring Perthshire's Past – Learning and Engagement

Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month ran throughout June 2012 and provided 45 free events including walks, talks and exhibitions, with contributors including a number of local history and archaeology societies and Perth Museum and Art Gallery. The key themes focussed on Perth city status, the Carpow logboat exhibition, and the Trust's new excavation programme at Glenshee. In addition the Trust delivered talks on the Carpow logboat, and provided graveyard recording projects carried out with 'the Friends' group.

Doors Open Days 2012 over the weekend of 22-23 September comprised 48 events across Perth and Kinross. The Trust provided minibuses to events at Methven Castle and Blair Adam and provided body-snatching themed tours at Perth and Meikle.

A total of 3,893 visitors attended 25 of the 48 events over the weekend, and so it is likely around 8,000 people took part.

The Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust (FoPKHT) established in 2011 promotes and supports the work of the Trust promoting publications at open days and conferences, and organising events for Perth and Kinross Archaeology Month and the Doors Open Days.



Mercat body-snatching tour of Greyfriar's cemetery, Perth.

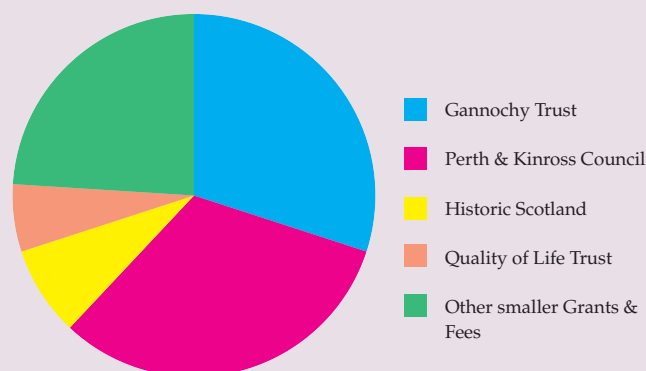


Doors Open: the High Court in Tay Street, Perth



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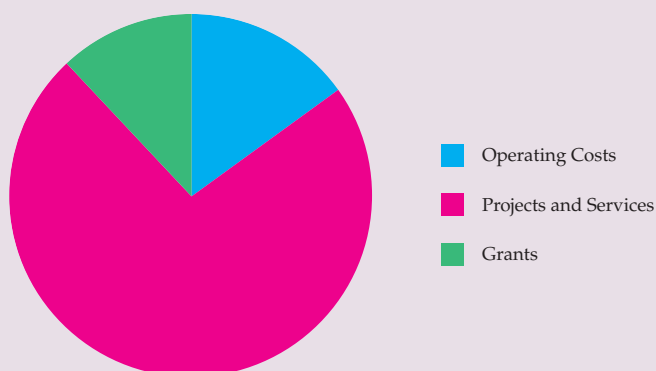
Analysis of Income 2012/13



The Trust's income and expenditure are analysed in the above charts.

The Trust's total income in financial year 2012/2013 amounted to £359,484. The major contributors to the Trust's activities were once again the Gannochy Trust and Perth & Kinross Council. The Trust appreciates the founding partners' continuing support. Other contributors have also generously provided funding for specific projects.

Analysis of expenditure 2012/13



The Trust's expenditure in 2012/2013 totalled £276,030, which resulted in a net operating surplus for the year of £83,454.

The net assets of the Trust amounted to £450,464 as at 31st March 2013.

Income & Expenditure Account Year ended 31st March 2013

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds <u>2013</u> £	Total Funds <u>2012</u> £
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	102,309	(21,255)	81,054	(70,460)
Interest and Investment income	2,400	—	2,400	446
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>104,709</u>	<u>(21,255)</u>	<u>83,454</u>	<u>(70,014)</u>

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. In respect of the Trust this relates to the Historic Building Grants Scheme, the Historic Churchyards Reserve, the Glenshee Excavation Fund and the Lower City Mills Appraisal.

Balance Sheet

Year ended 31st March 2013

	2013 £	2012 £
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Assets	57,185	58,690
Current Assets		
Debtors	27,900	45,738
Cash at bank and in hand	486,593	481,104
	<u>514,493</u>	<u>526,842</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(121,214)</u>	<u>(218,522)</u>
Net Current Assets/(Liabilities)	<u>393,279</u>	<u>308,320</u>
Total Assets less Current liabilities	<u>450,464</u>	<u>367,010</u>
Net Assets	<u>450,464</u>	<u>367,010</u>
Funds		
Restricted	203,410	224,665
Unrestricted	247,054	142,345
	<u>450,464</u>	<u>367,010</u>



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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

The audit was conducted in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

Opinion on accounts

In our opinion the accounts:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2012 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

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Looking Ahead

As reported, the **Tay Landscape Partnership** development year will form a significant part of the Trust's work into 2013, leading to a full application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The work will involve the Trust Manager directly as part of the TLP team, but also the Architect who will have an important role both in the development and delivery of this exciting scheme, which is planned to begin in late 2013.

With the funding boost provided by the **Perth City Heritage Fund** it is expected that substantial renovation works will be enabled and undertaken across the city. For example, it is hoped that the Cunningham Graham close building in High Street, dated 1699, will see significant improvement in the coming years. Following a detailed feasibility study it is also hoped that the

wheel can once again turn at the A-listed Lower City Mills, and working in parallel with funding from Historic Scotland, it seems possible that the long and sorry history of St Pauls Church may be reaching a resolution.

Finally, it is envisaged that following the success of the **Glenshee Archaeology Project** pilot, a larger scale project will be developed over the coming years, as the turf-built longhouses of Glenshee and Strathardle are extremely rare survivors of early medieval building traditions, and as such a highly appropriate research topics for the Trust. Further, there has been considerable interest in the project from the local community, including schools, and equally great potential to promote the heritage of the area to the benefit of residents, visitors and local businesses alike.



The Carse of Gowrie and the Tay (© George Logan).

Support the work of the Trust



Volunteers clear Kinfauns Old Parish Church of ivy...

Give a donation

This can be a one-off sum of money or a regular gift of a few pounds per month/year. By filling out the enclosed Gift Aid form you enable us to claim back the tax at no extra cost to you (eg. for every £1 donated we will be able to get an extra 28p from the government – giving a total donation of £1.28).

Leave a legacy

Leaving a gift to charity in your will is an ideal way to continue your support for the charity you care about. Charitable legacies are paid before tax is deducted, reducing the total amount of inheritance tax due from your estate.

Sponsorship

There are a number of projects undertaken by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust that are ideally suited to sponsorship by individuals and organisations such as launch events and published material. Please contact the Trust to discuss your sponsorship needs.

Volunteer

If you would like to support us by providing practical help in a number of small projects please contact the Trust or join the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust

A small logo for the Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust, featuring the text "Friends of Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust" in a stylized font.

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